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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE ATTENDANCE AT LOS CONFERENCE

1. PORTUGUESE CABINET LAST NIGHT DEBATED QUESTION OF GOP PARTICIPATION IN PRELIMINARY LOS CONFERENCE IN VIEW FACT GUINEA-BISSAU REPS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. CABINET WAS DIVIDED ON ISSUE, FOREIGN MINISTER'S RECOMMENDATION IN FAVOR OF ATTENDANCE HAVING BEEN HOTLY CONTESTED BY OTHER CABINET MEMBERS WHO FELT THAT PORTUGUESE ATTENDANCE ALONG WITH GUINEA-BISSAU WOULD AT MINIMUM DIGNIFY LATTER AND COULD BE INTERPRETED AS STEP TOWARD RECOGNITION. DECISION WAS FINALLY MADE, PRESUMABLY BY PRIME MINISTER CAETANO, TO PARTICIPATE. HOWEVER, DELEGATION WILL NOT INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVE FROM OVERSEAS MINISTRY AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT OVERSEAS MINISTER WAS ONE OF THOSE OPPOSED.

2. FOREGOING WAS CONVEYED TO CHARGE BY FONOFF OFFICIAL MANUEL LOPES DA COSTA WHO PROCEEDING SUNDAY TO NEW YORK WITH CREDENTIALS FOR DELEGATION, WHICH WILL BE HEADED BY ANTONIO PATRICIO AND WILL INCLUDE EXPERT FROM NAVY MINISTRY AND
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LEGAL EXPERT FROM FONOFF. USUN MAY FIND LOPES DA COSTA USEFUL

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